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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: CDES  
SUBJECT: DEATH OF A USC (GERLAD LESLIE HATLESTAD)

1. IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR SON, GERLAD LESLIE HATLESTAD. YOUR SON DIED OF LOW BLOOD PRESSURE, ACCORDING TO INITIAL REPORTS. HE WAS A PATIENT AT SOON CHUN HYANG HOSPITAL IN SEOUL AND UNDER THE CARE OF DR. SHIN CHUN SUP.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS TAKEN CUSTODY OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO YOU REGARDING DISPOSITION.

3. REGRETFULLY I MUST ASK YOU TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIPMENT OF YOUR SON'S BODY TO THE U.S. PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF HIS BODY TO CALIFORNIA REQUIRE A DEPOSIT OF \$1,500. THE EMBASSY TALKED THIS MORNING TO A FUNERAL DIRECTOR IN MINNESOTA WHO WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIPMENT FROM CALIFORNIA TO MINNESOTA.

4. WHEN THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTIFICATION THAT \$1,500 HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WE CAN BEGIN SHIPMENT. PLEASE ADVISE THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, SEOUL OF WHERE THE BODY IS TO BE SHIPPED,  
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AND THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR SO THAT WE MAY ADVISE HIM FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT.

5. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT YOU HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BY PHONE, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR SON'S WIFE IN THE U.S. PLEASE SEND BOTH HER NAME AND ADDRESS SO THAT WE MAY ADVISE HER.

6. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH WILL BE SENT BY THIS OFFICE TO YOUR SON'S WIDOW.

7. IF NECESSARY YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS EMBASSY BY TELEPHONING SEOUL, KOREA, 72-2601 EXT. 4442.

8. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.  
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